

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO SITUATION REPORT # 23 1500 Hours 22 September 2006

New Information in Italics and Bold

SUMMARY

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Hurricane Readiness Level 5, Response Operations condition. Efforts focus on damage assessments and meeting immediate assistance needs.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is monitoring National Weather Service forecasts, producing Situation Reports, and assisting in damage assessments compilation.

VDEM Priorities: Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of citizens and emergency workers; coordinate an efficient and effective state response effort with heavy emphasis on the City of Richmond; manage an aggressive response to requests for assistance; and keep stakeholders and the public informed.

An After Action Review by representatives of those agencies which responded at the VEOC for Tropical Storm Ernesto will be conducted on 5 October.

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia on August 31, 2006, in preparation for Tropical Storm Ernesto.

Marine Resources Commission language for an amended Executive Order has been accepted. On 15 September Governor Kaine amended Executive Order Number 34 (2006) by providing for an expedited state permitting process for pier and shoreline restoration projects needed to correct damage caused by Tropical Storm Ernesto.

On 8 September, the Governor requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance to include nine localities: the counties of Accomack, Gloucester, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex and Northumberland, and the cities of Hampton, Newport News and Richmond and has requested Public Assistance for 25 localities: the counties of Accomack, Caroline, Charles City, Dinwiddie, Essex, Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Northampton, Northumberland, Richmond, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, Westmoreland and York, and the cities of Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson and Richmond. ***Virginia awaits a decision on Governor Kaine's request for a Presidential Disaster Declaration.***

Protective Actions: Local State of Emergency Declared

James City County – 7 September @ 1200
York County – 1 September @ 0900
City of Poquoson – 1 September @ 0900
City of Richmond – 1 September @ 1130
City of Newport News – 1 September @ 1200
Northumberland County – 1 September @ 1230
Lancaster County – 1 September @ 1200
Accomack County – 1 September @ 1200
Northampton County – 1 September @ 1400
Richmond County – 1 September @ 1830
Middlesex County – 1 September @ 1600

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Gloucester County – 1 September @ 1200

Mathews County – 1 September @ 1215

Adjacent Jurisdictions:

North Carolina declared a State of Emergency

West Virginia declared State of Emergency.

ESF 15 – External Affairs: Continuing to respond to media inquiries, coordinating legislative inquiries, and developing an announcement strategy for a potential Presidential Disaster Declaration.

Michael Cline, State Coordinator, will brief the Virginia Congressional Delegation on 25 September at 1530 hours in Washington DC on FEMA Disaster Recovery Programs.

WWBT News reported that a radiothon to help Battery Park residents is being called a record-breaking effort. The three Richmond area radio stations involved reported the event brought in \$98,000.

WEATHER FORECAST

Hurricane Helene is currently a category 1 hurricane and is located about 630 miles east-northeast of Bermuda. Helene is moving toward the northeast near 21 mph and a gradual increase in forward speed is expected during the next 24 hours. Maximum sustained winds are near 85 mph with higher gusts and some weakening is forecast during the next 24 hours. Helene does not pose any threat to the US at this time.

A large tropical wave accompanied by a broad surface low pressure area is located 900 miles west-southwest of the Cape Verde Islands. This system is showing signs of organization and some gradual development is possible over the next few days as it moves toward the west-northwest or northwest at 10 to 15 MPH.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of showers in Southwest Virginia. Low temperatures will range from upper 50's to low 60's and winds will be South 5 to 15 MPH.

Saturday: Partly to mostly cloudy with a 50% chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms in Southwest and West Central Virginia. High temperatures in the upper 70's to mid 80's with overnight lows in the mid 60's to low 70's. Winds will be Southwest 10 to 15 MPH with gusts up to 30 MPH in Southwest and West Central Virginia.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a 70% chance of showers and thunderstorms across the Commonwealth. A few thunderstorms may become severe with the primary threat being damaging winds, but large hail will be possible. High temperatures in the upper 60's to mid 80's with overnight lows in the upper 40's to low 60's. Winds will be West-Southwest 5 to 15 MPH with gusts up to 25 MPH in Southwest and Northern Virginia.

Monday: Partly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms in Southwest and West Central Virginia and high temperatures in the upper 60's to low 80's.

OPERATIONS SECTION

STATE WARNING POINT: Monitoring National Weather Service advisories and forecasts.

LOCAL LIAISON: Completed requests for assistance from localities are listed in prior Situation Reports.

<u>Request</u>	<u>Locality</u>	<u>Status</u>
Water Pumps	City of Richmond	Extended to 1 October by Governor

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EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 8 – Public Health & Medical Services: VDH reports 3 small waterworks remain under boil water notices. VDH continues to monitor bacteriological sample results and anticipates all the boil water notices will be lifted once all lab tests are completed. An estimate of the total population affected is now at 604.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

ESF 6 – Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services: American Red Cross National Headquarters, set up in Richmond, closed 18 September and any remaining cases are being handled by the appropriate Local Chapter.

RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)

Initial Damage Assessment Report:

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Public*</u>
Accomack County	\$4,911,856	\$781,169.96*
Alexandria	\$20,000	\$20,000
Amelia County	N/A	\$29,121.73*
Appomattox County	N/A	\$8,782.98
Arlington County	N/A	\$2,000*
Bedford County	N/A	\$3,218.07
Brunswick County	N/A	\$17,427.86*
Buckingham County	N/A	\$478.68
Campbell County	N/A	\$16,119.47
Caroline County	\$9,000	\$76,200*
Charles City County	N/A	\$5,800*
Charlotte County	N/A	\$14,225.71*
Chesterfield County	\$100,000	\$30,573.84*
City of Chesapeake	\$20,700**	\$449,304
Chincoteague, Town of	\$254,000	\$111,500
Colonial Heights, City of	\$12,000	N/A
Cumberland County	N/A	\$16,825.28*
Dinwiddie County	\$75,000	\$141,514.75*
Essex County	\$1,250,000	\$205,192.19*
Fairfax County	N/A	\$70,000*
Franklin County	N/A	\$75,000*
Goochland County	N/A	\$2,000*
Gloucester County	\$1,336,460	\$607,656*
Greensville County	N/A	\$38,604*
Halifax County	N/A	\$3,300*
Hampton City	\$1,763,000**	\$39,000
Hanover County	N/A	\$2,000*
Henrico County	N/A	\$10,000*
Henry County	\$30,000	N/A
Hopewell City	\$5,000	\$28,000
Isle of Wight County	N/A	\$280,000*
James City County	\$150,000	\$250,000*
King George County	\$1,000,000	\$374,000*
King and Queen County	N/A	\$135,804.90*
King William County	N/A	\$105,964.81*
Lancaster County	N/A	\$158,000*
Loudoun County	N/A	\$35,000*
Lunenburg County	N/A	\$43,842.16*
Mathews County	\$5,218,000	\$360,000*
Mecklenburg County	N/A	\$12,331.51*
Middlesex County	\$8,540,925	\$510,000*

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New Kent County	\$552,000	\$19,500*
Newport News, City of	\$4,072,000	\$137,109.26*
Norfolk City	N/A	\$369,396
Northampton County	\$7,744,653	\$124,162.68*
Northumberland County	\$18,805,000	\$697,000*
Nottoway County	N/A	\$32,368.11*
Petersburg, City of	\$20,000	N/A
Pittsylvania County	N/A	\$4,724.05
Poquoson, City of	\$406,000	\$92,100
Powhatan County	\$100,000	\$43,301.98*
Prince Edward	N/A	\$34,097.21
Prince George County	\$315,500	\$27,000*
Prince William County	N/A	\$40,000*
Richmond City	\$9,000,000	\$41,358,298.79
Richmond County	\$1,550,000	\$178,000*
Southampton County	N/A	\$55,100*
Spotsylvania County	N/A	\$22,000*
Stafford County	N/A	\$36,500*
Surry County	\$85,000	\$159,300*
Sussex County	N/A	\$85,000*
Virginia Beach, City of	\$225,000	\$75,000
Westmoreland County	N/A	\$118,500*
York County	\$517,000	\$937,000*
Subtotal	\$68,088,094**	\$49,715,415.98*

State Agency (Excludes VDOT)

Department of Corrections	\$23,179
Department of Emergency Management	\$1,450,000
Department of Fire Programs	\$1,443
Department of Health	\$825
Dept of Mental Health, Retardation & Substance Abuse	\$38,280
Department of General Services	\$73,261.82
John Tyler Community College	\$80,712
Paul D. Camp Community College – Franklin Campus	\$12,700
Paul D. Camp Community College – Suffolk Campus	\$10,000
Thomas Nelson Community College	\$12,380
Virginia Port Authority	\$13,450.48
Virginia State Police	\$14,402.58
Subtotal	\$1,735,867.39

Grand Total

\$68,088,094

\$51,451,283.37

*includes VDOT and Electric Cooperative estimates

** includes residential, business, and agriculture estimates

PLANNING SECTION

Planning: Monitor and review incoming situational status and damage assessments, distribute Situation Reports and prepare for the transition of activities to the Joint Field Office (JFO) following a Presidential Declaration.

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